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Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy
Hotel Carlisle
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Kennedy,

For months I have debated sending you first the manuscript and now the book I have written on the investigation of the assassination of the late President. I have decided to pass that decision to your secret ries. The monolithic refusal of the press to consider the subject in any substantive form permits me no real alternative, for I have made more than a hundred submissions of the book in our and eight foreign countries and now that the book has been published, to date no paper or magazine has seen fit to make mention of it.

I am further disturbed by the effects on you and other members of the Kennedy family by the subsidy of Mr. Manchester, who was quoted in the New York Times of Sunday May 8, 1966 as saying, "The commission concentrated on identification of the assassin and the question of conspiracy and met its mandate superbly..." As a reading of my book will show, this is not the case. Although I make no charges, there is no question that the Commission's own record establishes conspiracy, the only question being how many. Its own record establishes that Oswald was not the lone and unassisted killer, and here the question is of the accuracy of its record.

There is nothing in my book that is not from the official record. My copies are marked to coincide with the quotations used in the book and are more convenient to use than unmarked copies. They are available to anyone you wish to have examine them. I assure you my work is accurate. It has been read by hundreds of critical persons in book publishing, radio, television and the newspapers without the allegation of a single inaccuracy. It has also been read by numerous lawyers, a Member of the House Judiciary Committee and the legislative assistants to two Senators, one of whom is a Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee and was a friend of the late President.

There are other ways in which I attempted to bring the contents of my book to the attention of the Kennedy family. All failed. Hence my election of this alternative. It is my belief that a woman of your demonstrated courage will prefer this.

It is also my belief that this book is not an end but a beginning.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg